

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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HYDEL POWER PROJECTS
BIR SING MAHATO

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have explored the possibility of setting up a hydel power project in Purulia parliamentary constituency of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts made to set up such a project on the basis of that possibilities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Government of West Bengal had evinced keen interest in the Purulia Pumped Storage Scheme (900 MW) being implemented by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) jointly with the West Bengal Government. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 25.5.2001 between NHPC and the Government of West Bengal for the execution and operation of the Purulia Pumped Storage Scheme through a joint venture arrangement. The Joint Venture Company would come into operation after the approval by the Government.